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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

for the year 1945.

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Seisdon Rural District Council,

I have the honour to present to you my Second Annual Report on the Public Health conditions in the Rural District of Seisdon during the year 1945.

This report is tabulated in similar form to that of the previous year but contains additional sections and tables.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Council, the Clerk and other Officers and to the staff of the Public Health Department for the help so freely given during the year.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population				19.640
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	• • •	• • •	• • •	,
Area (Acres)	• • •	• • •		41,996
Rateable Value				£107,341
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Sum produced by	a penn	y rate		£424
Number of Counc				309
Trumber of Count		262		303

Section A.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

		M.	F.	Total.
Live Births (legitimate)		135	174	309
Live Births (illegitimate)	• • •	10	7	17
Total	• • •	145	181	326
Birth rate per 1,000 population	, 16.6	Englan	d and Wales,	16.1
1944	22.1		1944	17.6
1943	21.5		1943	16.5
1942	19.6		942	15.8
1941	16.3	1	1941	14.2
Total stillbirths 11				

DEATHS.

				M. 106	F. 100	Total. 2 06
Death Rate	• • •	• • •	10.5	England	and Wales	, 11.4
	1944	• • •	10.7	19	44	11.6
	1943		10.1	19	43	12.1
	194 2	• • •	10.0	19	42	11.6
	1941		10.64	19	41	12.9

Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth:

1.	From sep	sis	• • •	Nil.
2.	From oth	er causes	• • •	Nil.
	1944	• • •	• • •	1
	1943		• • •	1
	1942		• • •	3
	1941			Nil.

Death of Infants under 1 year of age:

Legitimate Illegitimate	•••	•••	•••	M. 7 2	F. 11 —	Total. 18 2
		Total	• • •	9	11	20
	•	1944 1943 1942 1941	• • •	10 10 11 13	7 7 8 7	17 17 19 2 0

Infantile Mortality rate:

Legitimate Illegitimate	• • •	58. 2 11 7 .7				
Total 194: 194: 194: 194: 194	4 3 2	61.3 40.7 40.7 49.1 61.0	England and Wales	1945 1944 1943 1942 1941	•••	46 46 49 49 59

Deaths from Tuberculosis:

		\sim	1ale.	Fen		
	Pul	monary.	Nonpulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Nonpulmonary.	Total.
1945		4	1	3		8
1944		3		2	2	7
1943		3]		4
194 2		6	1	1	1	9
1941	• • •	6	2	1	2	11

Cancer Deaths:

			Male	Female.	Total.
1945	• • •	• • •	16	.10	26
1944	• • •	•••	22	17	39
1943	• • •		9	22	31
194 2	• • •	• • •	12	18	30
1941	* * *	• • •	12	10	22

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—The number of births (326) is a big decrease from the number for 1944 (437) and the birth rate per 1,000 population has dropped from 22.1 to 16.6. It is still slightly higher than for England and Wales as a whole (16.1).

Deaths.—The number of deaths (206) shows little difference from the number for 1944 (212). The chief causes of death in order of their frequency were Heart Diseases (45), Cancer (26), Intercranial vascular lesions (22), Bronchitis (14), and Pneumonia (13).

Infant Mortality.—20 children under one year died. This is slightly more than in 1944 when 17 died. Half the deaths occurred from premature birth, congenital malformations and birth injuries. With the big decrease in the number of births the infant mortality rate rises from 40.7 per 1,000 live births in 1944 to 61.3 in 1945.

I think the increased mortality is due to exhaustion of the mothers from war strain.

Maternal Mortality.—No deaths during the year.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

	TOTA	L CASE	S NOTII	FIED.	Т	OTAL [DEATHS	•
DISEASES.	1945.	1944.	1943.	1942.	1945.	1944.	1943.	1942.
Enteric or Typhoid								
Fever	1		1	1		_		
Scarlet Fever	20	34	64	53			1	
Whooping Cough	52	76	81	36	1	1	1	1
Diphtheria	12	7	14	23	1		1	
Smallpox								
Measles	227	38	296	39		_	1	
Pneumonia	10	15	25	12	13	6	17	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	ī	3	3	3		_	_	1
Erysipelas		1	4		_		_	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	_		1		_	1		
Dysentery	8	5	—	—		_		
Ophthalmia								
Neonatorum		1		_	_	_	_	

Cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year (for the first time):

Pulm	onary.	Non-Pu	Non-Pulmonary.				
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total			
7	8		3	18			

Total cases remaining on Register on December 31st:

1945	•••	26	2.1	3	19	69
1944	•••	22	21	6	20	69
1943	• • •	20	13	5	16	54
1942	• • •	21	14	6	12	53

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Registrar General's Return.

D	ISEASES				Male.	1945. Female.	Total.
					iviaic.	i ciliale.	Total.
Typhoid and paratyph		ers	• • •	• • •			
Cebro-spinal fever .		• • •	• • •	• • •			
Scarlet fever .	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •			
Whooping Cough .	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	_		
•	• •	• • •		• • •			
Tuberculosis of Respi	· ·		• • •	• • •	4	3	7
Other forms of Tube	rculosis	• • •	• • •	•••	1		1
Syphilitic diseases .	• •	• • •	• • •	•••	_	1	1
influenza .	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	_	1
Measles .	••	• • •	• • •	• • •	-		
Acute Poliomyelitis and	nd polic	-enceph	nalitis	• • •			_
Acute infective encep	phalitis	• • •	• • •	• • •	-		
Cancer of buccal cavi	ity and	oesopha	gus (M)		2		2
and uterus (F) .	• •	• • •	• • •			1	1
Cancer of stomach ar	nd duod	le n um	•••		2	1	3
Cancer of breast .	• •	• • •	• • •			2	2
Cancer of all other s	sites	• • •	• • •		12	6	18
Diabetes .	••	• • •				1	1
Intercranial vascular	lesions	• • •	• • •		10	12	22
Heart disease .	• •	• • •			21	24	45
Other diseases of Circ	ulatory	system	• • •		4	2	6
Bronchitis .	••	• • •	• • •		6	8	14
Pneumonia .	• •		• • •		9	4	13
Other respiratory dise	ases	• • •	• • •			3	3
Ulcer of stomach or		ım			2		2
Diarrhoea (under 2 ye						2	2
A = : - : - : - : - : - : -	••	• • •			1	-	1
Other digestive diseas		•••			4	2	6
NI I DO					3	10	4
Puerperal and post-ab		ensis		į		_	
Other maternal causes		300013	* * *	•••	_		
D		• • •		•••	2	.3	5
Congenital malformati					1	4	5
Suicide .		•••	,		1	_	1
Road traffic accidents					_	1	1
Other violent causes .		• • •		• • •	3	1	4
All other causes .	•	• • •	•••	• • •	17	16	33
All Other Causes .	• •	•••	Total	•••	106	100	206
			iotai		100	100	200

Section B.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the District is mainly furnished by four water undertakings:—

- 1. Wolverhampton Corporation Water Undertaking supplies the villages of Codsall, Wrottesley Detached, Pattingham and Lower Penn. The water is a mixture of waters from various sources of supply, all of which are supplied from time to time to one part or another of the Seisdon District. During the 12 months to December 31st, 1945, the following number of analyses were made:
- (a) Number of Bacteriological Analyses of raw water before treatment ... 56 (b) Number of Chemical ditto. ditto. 6 (c) Number of Bacteriological Analyses of water going into supply 230 (d) Number of Chemical ditto. ditto. 38 2. Bilston Corporation Water Undertaking Wombourn, Trysull, Seisdon, Himley and Swindon. The number of Bacteriological Analyses made during 1945 was ... 13
- 3. **South Staffs. Waterworks Company** supplies Kinver, Enville and Bobbington.
 - The number of Bacteriological Analyses made of raw water before treatment was ... 45

 The number of bacteriological Analyses of treated water was 27
- 4. City of Birmingham Water Department supplies the Iverley portion of Kinver.

Bacteriological analyses are made weekly and chemical analyses monthly throughout the year.

I am indebted to the Water Engineer and Manager, Wolverhampton Corporation Water Undertaking, to the Borough Surveyor, Bilston Corporation Water Undertaking, to the Engineer-in-Chief, S. Staffs. Waterworks Company, and to the General Manager and Secretary, City of Birmingham Water Department for kindly supplying copies of typical analyses of the water.

There are also piped supplies from local springs to some houses. The remainder have well water.

In my last Report a statement was made estimating the number of houses with piped supply in the District as over 90% of the total. This figure is confirmed by the findings to date of the Rural Housing Survey on which the Assistant Sanitary Inspector is engaged, details are given in a following table.

PIPED WATER SUPPLIES. CHEMICAL ANALYSES.

		(Parts per		
	Wolverhampton	Bilston	S. Staffs.	City of
	Undertakings.	Water Supply.	Waterworks Co.	Water Dept.
Free and saline ammonia	Ē	Ē	trace	Ē
Albuminoid ammonia	Ē	Ē	trace	.004
Chlorine in Chlorides	10.50	2.2	2.70	∞.
Nitrogen in Nitrates and Nitrites	trace	89:	.30	Ē
Oxygen absorbed. 4 hrs. @ 80° F.	.002	.001		
3 hrs			.012	.25
Total solids dried @ 212° F	40.	35.	not stated	4.4
Hardness. Temporary	4.4	10.68	4.0	
Permanent	19.2	09.9	5.3	
Total	23.6	17.28	9.3	1.8 as CaC03
pH value	7.24	7.2	not stated	7.9
lron	Ž	Z	trace	not stated
Plumbo Solvency				60:

PIPED WATER SUPPLIES. BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Organisms per C.C	•				
,, per C.C	:				
3 days incubation @ 20° C.	:		10	m	
1 ,, (@ 37° C.	:			0	
2 ,, @ 37° C.	:		5	.25	
2 ,, (@ 38° C.	:				15.
Coliform bacilla per 100 C.C.	:	Ē	Z	Ē	3.5

WATER SUPPLY,

for the portion of S. R. D. C. covered by the Rural Housing Survey to December, 1945.

Survey to Decen	1	of Hou	uses.	%	%
Houses having individual piped public supply ,, ,, piped private supply (Patshull Estates) Total having individual piped supply	462 30	492		69.0	
Total having piped supply 1:2 (i.e. 1 pipe to 2 houses) Total having piped supply 1:3 """""""""""""""""""""""""""""	58 42 28 5 6 7 8				
Total having piped supply other than individual Total having piped supply		154	646	21.6	90.6
Houses having individual well and pump ,, ,, well and pump 1:2 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1:3 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1:5 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1:6 Total having wells with pumps	23 8 3 4 10 6	54		7.6	
Houses having individual wells without pumps Houses having wells without pumps 1:2 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1:3 Total using wells without pumps Total using wells	2 2 3	7	61	1.0	8.6
Houses having spring supply 1:3 Total using spring supply	3	3	3	0.4	0.4
Houses without water supply (obtained on sufferance from neighbouring houses, etc.)	3	3	3	0.4	0.4
Total Houses inspected (to Dec., 1945)	713	713	713	100.0	100.0

Section C.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Infectious Diseases.

The District Council is a constituent member of the West Midland Joint Hospital Board which maintains hospitals at Moxley, Bilston and Brierley Hill.

I should like to pay tribute to the Board Staff at Moxley Hospital for the efficiency of their ambulance service in promptly removing cases to hospital, and for their ready co-operation and assistance in dealing with all difficulties that have arisen.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Immunisation has been continued during the year, the injections to children under five years of age were given at the Infant Welfare Centres (279 children) and by private practitioners; those to children over five were given at the schools (90 children).

Estimation of the total number immunised and their percentage to the child population is very difficult.

The only estimates available of the child population are supplied by the Registrar General on returns received in connection with the issue of ration books. The estimated number of children between 5-15 years of age (2,860) greatly exceeds the number who attend elementary schools under the Staffordshire Education Committee in this area (about 1,800). The difference is accounted for by the large number who attend primary and secondary schools under the Education Committees of neighbouring local authorities; no information is available about the number of them immunised.

Of the children attending the elementary schools in the Seisdon Rural District about 93% have been immunised.

Tuberculosis.

The Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Dudley Tuber-culosis Committee, on which the District Council has a representative, maintains Dispensaries at Wolverhampton and Dudley, and Sanatoria at Prestwood, Kinver and Groundslow. Lack of staff and accommodation at the Sanatoria prevents the admission of as many patients as the Tuberculosis Officers would desire.

Maternity Homes.

The County Council maintains a number of beds at Sandfield Hospital, Wordsley, and at the Rosemary Ednam Maternity Home, Sedgley, for normal confinements. Abnormal and septic cases are sent to hospital in Wolverhampton.

Ambulance Facilities.

By arrangement with the Brierley Hill U. D. Council, the latter's ambulance is available for the removal to hospital of non-infectious patients from the villages of Kinver, Enville, Bobbington and Swindon. All the rest of the District is served by Wolverhampton Borough Ambulance Services.

Infant Welfare Centres.

The County Council maintains three Infant Welfare Centres in the District:—

Men's Institute, Wombourn ... Monday afternoon. Constitutional Club, Kinver ... Friday afternoon. Tuesday afternoon.

I have the honour to be, Your obedient servant,
A. P. FRY, Medical Officer of Health.

SEISDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Year 1945.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, SEISDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Fifth Annual Report, that for the year 1945, upon the work performed by my department.

I should like to express my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their help and consideration in the carrying out of my duties; to the Medical Officer of Health and other Officials of your Council for their help, and to Mr. Ashworth and Miss Rolinson for their unfailing and willing assistance at all times.

1.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Total Inspections	• •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	4,310
Number of Complaints received	<u> </u>	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	128
Preliminary Notices Served .		• • •			• • •	151
Statutory Notices Served .		• • •	• • •	• • •		2 5
Preliminary Notices Complied .	• •		• • •	• • •	• • •	138
Statutory Notices Complied .						31

11.

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS MADE.

HOUSING.

Bakehouses

Houses Inspec	ted—Primar —Re-ins		• • •	• • •	•••	•••	79 259
	1/6-1119	Jections	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	4
Overcrowding	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	•
Survey	• •••	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	383
FACTORIES.							
Factories Mech	nanical Pow	er	• • •	• • •		• • •	20
Factories No N				• • •	• • •	• • •	11

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

Meat and Food In	spection	•		٠٠٠.	···	•••	180 144
		Eve	ning an	a vveek	-enas	• • •	
							324
Shops-—Meat	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	3
— Fish	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	9
General	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	71
Food Premises	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	32
Dairies	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	52
Cowsheds	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	118
Sampling—Water	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	4/4, 4	11
Milk	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	21

OTHER ROUTINE VISITS OF INSPECTION.

Accumulations	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	21
Animals Kept	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	7
Camping Grounds	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	90
Civil Defence	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		4
Dirty Premises	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	_5
Drainage	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	359
Evacuation	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	244
Infectious Diseases	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	88
Miscellaneous	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	44
Petroleum	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	26
Piggeries	•••	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	3
Rats and Mice (De		n) Act	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1,059
Refuse Receptacles		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	54
Tents, Vans, Sheds		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	822
	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	46
Verminous Premises	S	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	

III. COMPLAINTS.

One hundred and twenty-eight complaints were received during the year under review. They concerned the following defects:—

Housing defects		24	Drainage defects	34
Accumulations		3	Refuse receptacles	15
Water supply	• • •	1	Animals kept	2
Overflowing cesspools	• • •	7	Verminous premises	2
Miscellaneous	• • •	6	Tents, vans, sheds	3
Sanitary accommodation		8	Referred to other departments	11
Meat and food		7	· ·	

These complaints were distributed amongst the parishes as follows:—

Bobbington	_	2	Codsall	_	18	Himley	_	1
Kinver	-	21	Lower Penn	-	5	Pattingham	_	5
Seisdon	-	1	Swindon	_	3	Wombourn	-	51
Wrottesley	_	21						

IV.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Routine disinfection of rooms, etc., occupied by cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria, was carried out; disinfection after cases of tuberculosis, cancer, etc., was undertaken at the request of relatives. The method of disinfection is that of formaldehyde, either stoving or in spray form.

Rooms disinfected 33

V.

VERMINOUS PREMISES AND PERSONS.

Ten visits were made during the year to premises stated to be verminous. The following actual disinfestations took place:—

 Rooms infested with fleas
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Stoving by sulphur, or spraying with Zaldecide, were the means of treatment adopted, the operation being successful in every case. Recently supplies of insecticide incorporating D.D.T. have been obtained. Early experiments have proved very effective, especially in relation to fly-infestation.

VI.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are eight private slaughterhouses in your Area; these have not been in use since the operation of the Government Meat and Livestock Scheme, January, 1940.

VII.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

A total of 324 visits were made in connection with the inspection of meat and other foods; 180 were made during the day-time and 144 were made in the evening or at the week-end.

I have again to thank the Food Executive Officer, Mr. A. M. Baker, for his co-operation in the matter of inspection of home-killed pigs, Mr. Baker supplied each applicant for a licence with a form, to be returned to me, showing time, place, and date of proposed slaughter.

As a result of this procedure 316 pigs were examined; no diseased conditions were found.

The following items were also inspected:—

Found to be unsound, unwholesome, or unfit for human consumption—

Meat 26 lbs. 15½ lbs. Bacon Milk 8 lbs. 5 stone. Fish 229½ lbs. Butter Rolled Oats 7 cwt. ... • • • 15×2 lb. tins. Marmalade 25 lbs. Prunes . . .

An approximate total weight of 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs.

The amount of foodstuffs condemned has decreased by about 9 cwt. over the figure for 1944.

As will be noted no home-killed pork was condemned; figures in this case vary considerably from year to year, e.g. 1944 — 496 lbs.; 1943 — 38 lbs.

VIII.

COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, Etc.

118 visits were made to cowsheds and 52 to dairies.

Milk sampling is undertaken by the County Public Health staff and I am informed that the results of samples taken by them indicate a very satisfactory state of affairs. Notification is sent to me of all unsatisfactory samples. These during 1945 numbered two.

Twenty-one samples were taken by myself during the year for various examinations and resulted as follows:—

		Taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.'
Keeping quality	• • •	21	16	5

IX.

WATER SAMPLING.

During the year seven samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and four for chemical.

Five bacteriological and two chemical samples were reported on as being satisfactory.

In the remaining two cases, one house has been connected to the mains supply and in the other satisfactory alternative arrangements have been made.

Three of the bacteriological samples were taken during investigations into dysentery cases. The water was quite satisfactory, no organism of the typhoid, paratyphoid or dysentery groups being present.

X.

HOUSING.

176 Notices were served during the year. These were sited as follows:—

Codsall - 21 Himley - 2 Kinver - 46 Lower Penn - 3 Pattingham - 6 Swindon - 5 Wombourn - 55 Wrottesley - 38

160 of the notices referred to the Housing defects enumerated on pages 17 and 18.

The remaining 16 were concerned with the following nuisances:—

Moveable Dwellings.	•			
Informal	• • •	• • •	• • •	10
Statutory	• • •	• • •	• • •	2
Animals Kept. Informal	• • •	• • •	• • •	1
Waste of Water.				
Informal		• • •	• • •	3

REPAIRS—INTERNAL.

1 1 1	/ \\	11 8 1 1	- X Y X Lone	
WALLS.			As a result of an Informal Notice.	As a result of a Statutory Notice.
Plaster repaired Internal walls repointed Cleansed and re-decora		••••••	. 14 . 4 . 1	
CEILINGS.				
Plaster repaired Cleansed and re-decora	ted		. 11	4 5
WINDOWS.				
Frames, sashes, repaired Sashcords provided	d	•• ••	. 2 . 10	1
DOORS.				
D	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•• ••	. 2 . 1	
FLOORS.				
Wood floors provided	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		. 28 . 3 . 3	4 1 —
FIREPLACES.				ø
Firegrates repaired Defective ironwork repa Hearths, mantels, pointi			. 6 . 1 . 2	<u>-</u> -
WATER SUPPLY.				
Waste of water remedi	ed		. 1	
WASHING ACCOMMODA	TION.			
Washcoppers repaired washhouses repaired Fireboxes, flues, repaired Pans, brickwork, render	 ed	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	. 2 . 1 . 1	- 1,
DIRTY PREMISES			. 1	

REPAIRS—EXTERNAL.

							As a result of a Statutory
RO	OFS.					Notice.	Notice.
	Timbers and	covering	s repair	red	• • •	6	1
	Slates and til				t	6	1
	Flashings and				• • •	6 3 3]
	Ridge tiles re		• • •		• • •	ა ე	i
	Verges repaire	ea	• • •	• • •	• • •	5	1
СН	IMNEY STAC	.K.C					
	Repaired					1	_
	·	• • •	•••	•••			
	TTERS.					1	1
	Provided	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	1
	Repaired Cleansed	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		1
	Fall provided	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	_	i
	ian provided	•••	•••	•••	•••		·
WA	ALLS.						6
	Bulging and d				• • •	3 3 2	
	Brickwork rep				• • •	3	_
		• • •		• • •	• • •	2	
	Rendering Arches repaire		• • •	• • •	•••	1	_
	Pointing round		 and wir		• • •	i	
	romming round	1 00013	aria wii	10000	• • •	·	
WA	TER CLOSET	s.					
	Provided	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •]	
	Pans repaired	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	2 2 3	
	Woodwork rep		• • •	• • •	• • •	2	1
	Cisterns, etc., Cleansed from			• • •	• • •	2	1
`	Clearised from	ODSTruc	11011	• • •	• • •	۷	'
PAI	L CLOSETS.						
F	Provided	• • •	• • •	• • •		1	
F	Pails provided	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	6	
DRA	AINAGE.						•
	Provided or re	naired				3	7
	√ent. provided		···	• • •	• • •	1	
	Access provide			• • •	• • •	i	
	Cleansed			•••	• • •	38	1 2
(Connection	• • •	•••	• • •		2	2
CES	SPOOLS.						
E	mptied	• • •	•••	•••	• • •	22	9
DUS	TBINS.			•			
	Provided					23	6
	Tovided	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	2.0	· ·
ACC	UMULATION	S.					
F	Removed	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	6	
			\$				
	TER SUPPLY.						
P	Provided	•••	•••	• • •	• • •	5	1

DEFECTS—INTERNAL.

WALLS.		As a result of an Informal Notice.	a Statutory
Damp, defective, perished plaster Defective internal pointing	•••	12 7	
CEILINGS.			
Damp, defective, perished plaster Defective, bulging plaster		9 6	4 5
WINDOWS.		,	
Defective frames, sashes, casements Other defects, sash-cords Broken glass	• • •		1
DOORS.			
Defective woodwork, frames, etc. Defective door sills	• • •	3 2	
FLOORS.			
Defective, dilapidated, etc., wood flo Defective floor boards Sub-floor vent	• • •	25 3 3	1
STAIRS.			
Defective Defective treads or risers	•••	1	
FIREPLACES.			
Defective and dilapidated ranges Dilapidated and defective firegrates Defective ironwork of ranges and gra Defective hearths, mantels and point Hot water system	ites	1 4 1 1	
WATER SUPPLY.			
Burst pipes	•••	1	_
WASHING ACCOMMODATION.			
Dilapidated/defective washhouses Defective fire-boxes, flues Defective pans, brickwork, rendering	• • •	2 3 2	
DIRTY PREMISES	• • •	1	

DEFECTS—EXTERNAL.

ROOFS.		As a result of an Informal Notice.	
Dilapidated timbers and covering Defective and missing tiles/slate Defective fillets and flashings.	es	8 8 2	1 1 1
Defective ridge tiles		2 2	1 "
GUTTERS.			
Absence of Defective	•••		1
Clasticat	•,	_	1
Lack of fall	• • • • • •	_	1
WALLS.			
Bulging, dangerous, dilapidated.		3	
Defective or perished pointing	• • • • • •	2	
Defective arches	•••	2	_
YARD PAVING.			
Defective	•••	1	
WATER CLOSETS.			
Defective/dilapidated compartme	e n t	3	
Defective pans or basins		5	
Defective woodwork, seats, etc.	• • •	2	_
Defective cisterns, fittings, etc.		6	
Choked pedestal	••	3	1
PAIL CLOSETS.			
Defective/dilapidated compartme	ent	1	
Defective pails	• • • • •	6	
DRAINAGE.			
Defective or insufficient	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	5	5
Lack of, or defective, access	•••	1	
Obstructed'	••	34	3
CESSPOOLS.			
Overflowing	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	25	8
Water Supply	• • • • •	i	1
DUSTBINS.			
Dilapidated or required	• • • • •	23	7
Accumulations	• • • • • •	5	_

As noted in Part One of my report, 169 notices were complied with during the year. 153 of these concerned the housing repairs noted on page 15. The other sixteen notices complied were the sixteen referred to under notices served.

The premises concerned were sited as follows:—

Bobbington	• • •		1	Codsall	• • •	 22
Himley	• • •	• • •	2	Kinver	• • •	 22
Lower Penn			4	Pattingham	• • •	 5
Seisdon and	Trysull		3	Swindon	• • •	 5
Wombourn	• • •		60	Wrottesley	• • •	 45

A commencement was made on the Rural Housing Survey and by the end of the year 383 houses had been inspected in detail.

It is obvious already that the number of houses which will be found to be incapable of being made fit at a reasonable expense will be fairly high. At the time of writing this report six parishes have been completed, either in detail or in rapid survey; the number of category five houses stands at 161. Some of these might be considered border-line at the moment—by the time serious action can be taken towards demolition they will probably be incapable of being made fit at a reasonable expense.

XI.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Considerable improvements were effected under this heading during the year. The policy of the Council has been to Licence ground for the use of mobile and self-propelled trailers and caravans and also for tents; the type of dwelling of a semi-permanent character, such as sectional bungalows, etc., has required an individual licence for the owner of the dwelling.

This policy is working very satisfactorily, although progress must necessarily be slow. As was pointed out in my last Annual Report it is often difficult to obtain contact with the owners or occupiers of moveable dwellings because of the infrequency of their occupation.

One successful prosecution was made during the year. A Camping Ground Licensee was found with an overcrowded ground (50 tents on a ground licensed for ten); proceedings were instituted before the Brierley Hill Magistrates and a fine of £5 imposed—the maximum penalty.

Late in December complaints were received which led, early in 1946, to two further successful prosecutions.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Public Health Department, Your obedient servant, Council Offices.

G. V. R. LEE,

October, 1946.

Wombourn.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.





